

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/786,091

Examiner

Olga Asinovsky

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/14/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 24,26-44 and 46-57.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 03/07/2006
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward Meilman on March 07, 2006.

Change the dependency of claim 56 to claim 24, since claim 25 is cancelled.

Correct formula I in claim 27 as -X-R¹-CH-NH-

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Because it was a typographic error, support of that is in the original claim 27.

See interview summary.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed invention is a dendrimer complex comprising a cationic polymer compound and an oligo- or poly-nucleotide anionic active compound, wherein the polymer compound comprises a dendritic core having a) a focal group and b) at least one dendron having n levels of dendritically linked trifunctional monomer units where n is in the range 2 to 6 and 2ⁿ terminal branches, cationic groups at least 50% of said terminal branches of the at least one dendron, and an anchor moiety comprising at least two lipophilic C6-24 – alkyl, -alkenyl or –alkynyl groups covalently conjugated in the polymer compound. An

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amino acid monomer unit is defined by the formula (I) in the present claim 27 wherein radical R1 is C1-C6 alkanediyl.

The closest reference of record is Florence et al U.S. Patent 6,194,543. While Florence discloses a dendritic compound having amino acid units represented by the formula (I) which is analogous to the formula (I) in the present claim 27, Florence does not disclose that cationic groups are present in the content of at least 50% in the present independent claims 1 and 46. In light of the amendment to claims 1 and 42, Florence does not disclose that an anionic active compound is an oligo- or poly-nucleotide. Claims 24, 26-44 and 46-57 are deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga Asinovsky whose telephone number is 571-272-1066. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

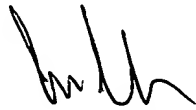
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